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Letter dated 4 March 1994 from the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions addressed to the Chairman of the Commission

With a view to meeting Ambassador Meghlaoui's request for a public correction of the erroneous statement made during the oral introduction of my report to the Commission on Human Rights on 2 March 1994 in which I mentioned Algeria among the countries that have sentenced minors to death and even executed them, and given the fact that I am no longer in Geneva, I would request you to publish my letter of 2 March 1994 addressed to H.E. Mr. Hocine Meghlaoui, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva, as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights under item 12 of the agenda.

(Signed) Bacre Waly Ndiaye

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, in accordance with Commission resolution 1993/71.

Today, in my statement introducing my annual report to the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1994/7), I included Algeria in the list of States which have sentenced to death and even executed persons below the age of 18. This is of course a mistake on my part since, as I indicated in my report (para. 113), the decree providing for the imposition of capital punishment on persons from 16 to 18 years of age has never been applied.

I sincerely regret any inconvenience which this unfortunate error may have caused your Government. I hope that the dialogue that we have begun will be continued in the spirit of cooperation that has always characterized it.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Bacre Waly Ndiaye

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial,
summary or arbitrary executions